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The Custom & Classic Car Educational Foundation

Our Mission

by Doug Wood

Hello everyone! Let me first thank you for reading through the pages of this magazine and finding this editorial. Secondly, I'd like to welcome you to **Cruisin Ocean City, Maryland!**

If you are new to this publication, it serves the general Mid-Atlantic region. It is chock full of photos from recent events, and if you look towards the back of the magazine, you'll see complete listings of upcoming car cruises, and shows all around the area. It has been a useful tool to cruisers for coming up on 15 years now!

I represent a nonprofit, called the **Custom and Classic Car Educational Foundation**. Once again, many of you readers may know about us, but I presume there is an enormous number of new readers that have no idea who and what we are. Let me tell you all a story that actually started 10 years ago.

Back in February 2014 at a gathering of clubs for breakfast, **Dave Bielecki**, the editor of this magazine, and I held an informal survey of rodders in the room. We determined that the average age of the folks in the room was **57**. It was at that point that Dave and I had confirmed what he and I had discussed many times before. There were simply too few young people getting involved in our hobby/sport.



*Establishment of the Foundation at the 2014 All-Clubs Breakfast at William Watters Church, Forest Hill MD.
Left to right, Paul Hutchins, Mike Robinson, Sean Grimm, Fred Ritzmann, Tom Pattan, Diane Pattan,
MD State Representative Wayne Norman, Dave Bielecki, Doug Wood.*



To that end, he and I, along with a couple of other volunteers started doing the legwork to establish this Foundation as a **501 C3 charitable organization** with the sole purpose of getting young people involved in the

sport of hot rods and custom cars and to offer them assistance with their education where it involves automobiles. Through car cruises, shows, and other forms of fundraisers we have raised over **\$50,000** and have awarded just over **\$30,000** of that to deserving young people.

Our Training Scholarships

Early in our existence, we partnered with **McPherson College** out in Kansas. We would select an individual and send them to the mini session that McPherson holds in the spring. The individual would get to choose their discipline: engine building, bodywork, interiors, metal shaping, or choose from a couple of others. We would pay their airfare, tuition, and also pay for their room and board as well as meals. This allowed the student to find out in real time whether that was the appropriate choice for them. One of the individuals that won this grant actually went on to attend McPherson for four years and graduated with his degree! His name is **Bill Bandy**... Some of the folks selected for our educational assistance fund were not necessarily interested in college. They asked if they could go to a trade school or workshop / seminar.



Bill Bandy

Senior Spotlight

Bill Bandy

Hometown: Bel Air, MD

Major: Automotive Restoration Management

"Paint class helped re-inspire my love of seeing a finished product, creating something one-of-a-kind, and where I want to end up career wise."

"Working on high-end sports cars during my internship at AI Design in Tuckahoe, New York."





Cole Slicher

Cole Slicher requested to attend a Gene Winfield metal shaping workshop. We decided that fit within our mission statement and sent him along.

Jake Maguire decided that he wanted to go to a welding school. That too worked within our guidelines, so we sent him to Earlbeck Gas and Technologies for their welding classes.



Donated trailer award presentation at the Indoor Nationals 2023.

Most recently, we partnered with the folks at Motorama Productions and awarded an 8x20 enclosed trailer to York County School of Technology that will be used exclusively by their *Hot Rodders of Tomorrow* program. That is a group of students that participate in engine building competitions around the country. I should note that they have two teams, and both of them finished in the top five in the country.

Aside from car shows and cruises, we also depend on contributions from clubs, individuals and groups in the area. Aside from monetary donations, we recently received a 1963 Mercury Comet. This extraordinary gift was donated by a gentleman by the name of Dan Ellerman.



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The car had been running and driving until they ran into some engine problems. The car came to us with a freshly rebuilt engine that had been set in the engine compartment, but the rest of the car needs to be reassembled and made complete. Our plan is to use it as a tool to involve young people in the area to reassemble the car and to make it safe and streetable. We will begin that process at **Ron's Rods in Kingsville Maryland** on the last weekend of April. Once that is done, we will tag, title, insure then drive the car to showcase the work of the young folks involved.

I hope that any of you reading this will join us in our endeavor to get more young folks involved in our hobby/sport. Your personal donation, the support of your club through donations and sharing our message is all we ask!!!

Thanks again for reading,
Doug Wood, President

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Our Scholarship Winners 2017- 2023



James Keller
McPherson College
Mini session



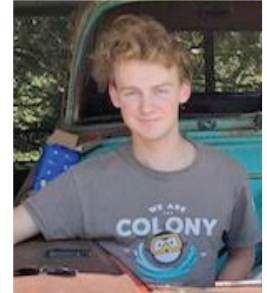
Jordan Shara
McPherson College
mini-session



Bill Bandy
McPherson College
mini-session
(housing assistance while attending)



Josh Maguire
McPherson College
Mini session



Jake Maguire
Earlbeck
Welding School

Upcoming Events in 2024

Spring Car Show at Big Truck Brewery - May 11

Fall Car Show at Big Truck Brewery - Sept 14

2nd Thursdays - Car Cruise at Big Truck Brewery

Real Man's Yard Sale at the Markets at Shrewsbury - August 17

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